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Northern District of California
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RE: TRINITY FUNDING COMPANY, LLC (NY)

Title of Action: City of Oakland, California, Pltf. vs. AIG Financial Products Corp., et al.
including Trinity Funding Company, LLC, Dfts. Case # CV082116

Dear Sir:

We are returning documents served/received for the above company by our New York office.

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Very truly yours,

A. Coleman

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the

Northern District of California

CITY OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA _____
 Plaintiff _____
 v.
AIG FINANCIAL PRODUCTS CORP., et al. _____
 Defendant _____

) CV 08
) Civil Action No.
)

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Summons in a Civil Action

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To: (see attached list)
 (Defendant's name)

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 20 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

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 LIEFF, CABRASER, HEIMANN & BERNSTEIN, LLP
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If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Date: APR 23 2008

Richard W. Wieking

Name of clerk of court

Helen L. Almazan

Deputy clerk's signature

(Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3).)

Proof of Service

I declare under penalty of perjury that I served the summons and complaint in this case on _____, by:

(1) personally delivering a copy of each to the individual at this place, _____; or

(2) leaving a copy of each at the individual's dwelling or usual place of abode with _____ who resides there and is of suitable age and discretion; or

(3) delivering a copy of each to an agent authorized by appointment or by law to receive it whose name is _____; or

(4) returning the summons unexecuted to the court clerk on _____.

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ 0.00 _____.

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ATTACHMENT TO
SUMMONS

Defendants To Be Served:

AIG FINANCIAL PRODUCTS CORP.
AIG SUNAMERICA LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES, INC.
CAIN BROTHERS & COMPANY, LLC
CDR FINANCIAL PRODUCTS, INC.
FELD WINTERS FINANCIAL, LLC
FINANCIAL GUARANTY INSURANCE CO.
FINANCIAL SECURITY ASSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD.
FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY
GE FUNDING CAPITAL MARKET SERVICES, INC.
GENWORTH FINANCIAL, INC.
GEORGE K. BAUM & COMPANY
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP, INC.
J.P. MORGAN CHASE & CO.
KINSELL NEWCOMB & DE DIOS, INC.
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MERRILL LYNCH & CO. INC.
MORGAN KEEGAN & CO., INC.
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PACKERKISS SECURITIES, INC.
PIPER JAFFRAY & CO.
SECURITY CAPITAL ASSURANCE, INC.
SHOCKLEY FINANCIAL CORP.
SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE
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TRINITY FUNDING COMPANY, LLC
UBS AG
WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.
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21 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 22 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

23 CITY OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, a Municipal
 Corporation, on behalf of itself and all others
 24 similarly situated,

Case No.

**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS
OF THE SHERMAN ACT, THE
CARTWRIGHT ACT, AND THE
UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW**

CLASS ACTION**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

25 Plaintiff,
 26 v.
 27 AIG FINANCIAL PRODUCTS CORP.; AIG
 SUNAMERICA LIFE ASSURANCE CO.; BANK
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CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

1 (typically used for capital projects and subject to provisions allowing investment principal to be
2 drawn down pursuant to a set schedule). A GIC is similar to a bond, in that “principal” – the
3 proceeds of a municipal bond issue – is invested in exchange for payment of a certain fixed Rate
4 of Return determined by the terms of the contract.

5 b. Advance Refunding Escrow: An “advance refunding escrow” is an
6 arrangement by which the proceeds of a refunding issue (a bond issued to refund an outstanding
7 bond) are deposited into an escrow account for investment in an amount sufficient to pay the
8 principal of, and interest on, the underlying issue to be refunded on the original interest payment
9 and maturity dates.

10 c. Swap: A “swap” is a type of agreement frequently used to
11 minimize the interest rate risk Government Entities face when issuing large amounts of tax-
12 exempt debt obligations. A swap involves two Counterparties – the Government Entity and a
13 Municipal Derivatives Seller – and is essentially the sale of an instrument and the simultaneous
14 purchase of another instrument for purposes of enhancing the Counterparties’ respective holdings.
15 Government Entities use swaps to achieve desired tax results, or to alter or protect various
16 features of an existing municipal bond portfolio. There are several types of swaps: (a) floating-
17 for-fixed interest swap; (b) fixed-for-floating interest swap; and (c) floating-for-floating (basis-
18 rate) swap, where the two are based on different indices (typically the LIBOR or BMA indices).
19 Government Entities, even those with sophisticated and experienced municipal finance
20 departments, retain a Municipal Derivatives Broker (including many of those named as
21 Defendants herein) as “swap advisors” to aid in the swap transaction.

22 d. Option: An “option” is one of two types of agreements used to
23 shift a Government Entity’s tax-exempt securities holdings typically acquired in association with
24 issuance of municipal bonds.

25 i. A Put Option is a provision in a bond contract where the
26 investor has the right, on specified dates after required notification, to surrender the securities to
27 the issuer or the issuer’s agent at the predetermined price (usually par value).

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ii. A Call Option is a transaction where the issuer repays to the holder of an outstanding security the principal amount thereof (plus, in certain cases, an additional amount representing a redemption premium) as a result of the issuer exercising a right under the bond contract to repay the security prior to its scheduled maturity date (often referred to as the "call").

6 e. Swaption: A “Swaption” is the combination of a Swap and an
7 Option.

8 f. Interest Rate Floors and Collars: Interest rate “floors” and “collars”
9 are agreements in which a Government Entity agrees with a Municipal Derivatives Seller (the
10 Counterparty) to pay fixed rates of interest on an investment of variable-rate debt, either agreeing
11 to pay the Counterparty an interest rate at or above a specified rate (a “floor”) or no more or less
12 than a particular interest rate within range of interest rates (a “collar”).

13 12. Municipal Derivatives Broker: As used herein, the term “Derivatives
14 Broker” means an entity retained by a Government Entity to oversee the processes, including the
15 Competitive Bidding Process, pursuant to which Municipal Derivatives are purchased.
16 Derivatives Brokers act as fiduciaries of a Government Entity seeking to purchase Municipal
17 Derivatives, often acting as swap advisors in addition to overseeing the competitive bidding
18 undertaken by the Government Entity for those Municipal Derivatives sold through ostensibly
19 competitive means. Derivatives Brokers enjoy mutually symbiotic and incestuous relationships
20 with large investment banks and insurance companies, and act as “finders” of municipal securities
21 business for the securities dealers or investment banks that often pay kickbacks to the Municipal
22 Derivatives Brokers in the form of finders’ fees and monthly retainers.

23 13. Municipal Derivatives Counterparty: As used herein, the term "Municipal
24 Derivatives Counterparty" or "Counterparty" means a Municipal Derivatives Seller with whom a
25 Government Entity contracts for a transaction involving the purchase of one or more of the
26 Municipal Derivatives described herein.

1 investigation into wrongdoing associated with municipal bond derivatives transactions in
2 Jefferson County, Alabama.

3 22. Defendant Financial Guaranty Insurance Co. ("FGIC") is a Delaware
4 corporation maintaining its principal place of business in New York, New York. During the
5 Class Period, FGIC, a former affiliate of General Electric, issued and sold Municipal Derivatives
6 to Oakland and/or members of the Class in the United States.

7 a. FGIC has received a subpoena from the Securities and Exchange
8 Commission in connection with the SEC's investigation into anticompetitive practices in the
9 Municipal Derivatives industry.

10 23. Defendant Financial Security Assurance Holdings, Ltd. ("FSA Holdings")
11 is a New York corporation maintaining its principal place of business in New York, New York.
12 During the Class Period, FSA Holdings issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland and/or
13 members of the Class in the United States, either directly or through its wholly-owned subsidiary
14 FSA Capital Management Services, LLC, ("FSA Capital"), a Delaware limited liability company
15 headquartered in New York City.

16 a. In November, 2006 FSA Holdings received subpoenas from the
17 Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange
18 Commission in connection with those agencies' investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the
19 Municipal Derivatives business.

20 b. On February 4, 2008, FSA Holdings received a so-called Wells
21 notice from the Philadelphia regional office of the SEC, informing the company that the SEC
22 staff had recommended civil or administrative action against FSA Holdings in connection with its
23 investigation into anticompetitive practices in the Municipal Derivatives industry. The Wells
24 notice issued to FSA Holdings related to alleged violations of Section 10(b) of the Securities
25 Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder.

26 24. Defendant First Southwest Company ("First Southwest") is a Delaware
27 corporation with its principal place of business in Dallas, Texas. During the Class Period, First
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1 Southwest issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland and/or members of the Class in the
2 United States.

3 a. First Southwest has received a subpoena from the Securities and
4 Exchange Commission in connection with the SEC's investigation into anticompetitive practices
5 in the Municipal Derivatives industry.

6 25. Defendant Genworth Financial, Inc. ("Genworth") is a New York
7 corporation maintaining its principal place of business at Fairfield, Connecticut. Genworth issued
8 and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland and/or members of the Class in the United States.

9 a. Genworth has received subpoenas from the Antitrust Division of
10 the United States Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission in
11 connection with those agencies' investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the Municipal
12 Derivatives business.

13 26. Defendant GE Funding Capital Market Services, Inc. ("GE Funding") is a
14 Delaware corporation maintaining its principal place of business in New York, New York. GE
15 Funding is a member of the GE Funding Capital Market Services Group (GE Funding CMS).
16 During the Class Period, GE Funding issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to members of the
17 Class.

18 27. Defendant JPMorgan Chase & Co. ("JPMorgan") is a Delaware
19 corporation maintaining its principal place of business in New York, New York. During the
20 Class Period, JPMorgan issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland and/or members of the
21 Class in the United States.

22 a. In November, 2006, JPMorgan received subpoenas from the
23 Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange
24 Commission in connection with those agencies' investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the
25 Municipal Derivatives business.

26 b. At least three former JPMorgan employees are targets of the Justice
27 Department's grand jury investigation into anticompetitive practices in the Municipal Derivatives
28 industry.

1 c. Samuel Gruer, who worked at JPMorgan from 1994 through 2006
2 and whose last position was Vice-President in the Derivatives Marketing unit of the company's
3 Tax-Exempt Capital Markets Group, has recently disclosed that he is a target of the grand jury
4 convened in the Southern District of New York by the Antitrust Division of the Department of
5 Justice investigating antitrust and other violations related to anticompetitive conduct in the
6 Municipal Derivatives business. Target letters of the kind received by Gruer are an indication
7 that the DOJ has substantial evidence of the commission of a federal crime and typically a sign
8 that the recipient will soon be indicted absent a plea agreement or cooperation deal.

9 d. Shlomi Raz, who worked at JPMorgan from 1992 to 2003, has also
10 recently disclosed that he is a target of the grand jury convened in the Southern District of New
11 York by the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice investigating antitrust and other
12 violations related to anticompetitive conduct in the Municipal Derivatives business. Target letters
13 of the kind received by Raz are an indication that the DOJ has substantial evidence of the
14 commission of a federal crime and typically a sign that the recipient will soon be indicted absent a
15 plea agreement or cooperation deal.

16 e. James Hertz, who worked at JPMorgan from 1994 until he was
17 fired from the firm in January, 2008, has also recently disclosed that JPMorgan informed him that
18 he was under investigation by the DOJ for what Hertz described as “conduct on the municipal
19 derivatives marketing desk,” an indication that the investigation involves JPMorgan’s entire
20 municipal derivatives business, which necessarily includes Municipal Derivatives. Target letters
21 of the kind received by Hertz are an indication that the DOJ has substantial evidence of the
22 commission of a federal crime and typically a sign that the recipient will soon be indicted absent a
23 plea agreement or cooperation deal.

24 28. Defendant JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan N.A.") is a national
25 banking association with headquarters in Ohio, and is a subsidiary of JP Morgan Chase. During
26 the Class Period, JPMorgan N.A. issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland and/or
27 members of the Class in the United States.

1 29. Defendant Kinsell Newcomb & DeDios Inc. ("KND") is a California
 2 corporation with its principal place of business in Solano Beach, California. During the Class
 3 Period, KND issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland and/or members of the Class in
 4 the United States.

5 a. KND has received subpoenas from the Antitrust Division of the
 6 United States Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection
 7 with those agencies' investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the Municipal Derivatives
 8 business.

9 30. Defendant Lehman Brothers Inc. ("Lehman Brothers") is a Delaware
 10 corporation maintaining its principal place of business in New York, New York. During the
 11 Class Period, Lehman Brothers issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to members of the Class.
 12 Lehman is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.

13 31. Defendant Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. ("Merrill Lynch") is a Delaware corporation
 14 maintaining its principal place of business in New York, New York. During the Class Period,
 15 Merrill Lynch issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to members of the Class.

16 32. Defendant Morgan Stanley ("Morgan Stanley") is a Delaware corporation
 17 maintaining its principal place of business in New York, New York. During the Class Period,
 18 Morgan Stanley issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to members of the Class.

19 33. Defendant National Westminster Bank plc ("NatWest") is a public limited
 20 corporation maintaining its principal place of business in London, England. During the Class
 21 Period, NatWest issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to members of the Class. NatWest is a
 22 subsidiary of Royal Bank of Scotland.

23 34. Defendant Natixis, S.A. ("Natixis"), formerly known as IXIS Corporate &
 24 Investment Bank and CDC Funding Corp., is a foreign corporation maintaining its principal place
 25 of business in Paris, France. During the Class Period, Natixis issued and sold Municipal
 26 Derivatives to Oakland and/or members of the Class in the United States.

27 a. In November, 2006, Natixis' predecessor IXIS Corporate &
 28 Investment Bank received a subpoena from the Antitrust Division of the United States

1 Department of Justice in connection with its grand jury investigation into anticompetitive conduct
 2 in the Municipal Derivatives business.

3 35. Defendant Piper Jaffray & Co. ("Piper Jaffray") is a Delaware corporation
 4 with its principal place of business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. During the Class Period, Piper
 5 Jaffray issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland and/or members of the Class in the
 6 United States.

7 a. Piper Jaffray has received subpoenas from the Antitrust Division of
 8 the United States Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission in
 9 connection with those agencies' investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the Municipal
 10 Derivatives business.

11 b. James Towne, employed as Managing Director of Piper Jaffray's
 12 municipal derivatives group until January, 2008, recently disclosed that Piper Jaffray informed
 13 him that he is under investigation by the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice for
 14 potential antitrust and other violations relating to the Municipal Derivatives industry.

15 36. Defendant Security Capital Assurance, Inc. ("Security Capital") is a
 16 foreign corporation maintaining its principal place of business in Hamilton, Bermuda. During the
 17 Class Period, Security Capital, either directly or through its affiliates Defendants XL Capital, Ltd.
 18 and XL Asset Funding Company I LLC, issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland
 19 and/or members of the Class in the United States.

20 37. Defendant Société Générale ("SocGen") is a French corporation
 21 headquartered in Paris. During the Class Period, SocGen issued and sold Municipal Derivatives
 22 to Oakland and/or members of the Class in the United States, either directly or through its wholly-
 23 owned subsidiaries Société Générale Americas, Inc., a Delaware corporation headquartered in
 24 New York, New York and/or SG Americas Securities, LLC, a Delaware limited liability
 25 corporation also headquartered in New York, New York.

26 a. SocGen has received a subpoena from the Securities and Exchange
 27 Commission in connection with the SEC's investigation into anticompetitivē practices in the
 28 Municipal Derivatives industry.

4 38. Defendant Trinity Funding Company, LLC (“GE Trinity”) is a New York
5 limited liability corporation maintaining its principal place of business in New York, New York.
6 GE Trinity is a member of the GE Funding Capital Market Services Group (GE Funding CMS).
7 During the Class Period, GE Trinity issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to members of the
8 Class.

9 39. Defendant UBS AG (“UBS”) is a Swiss corporation with its headquarters
10 in Basel, Switzerland. During the Class Period, UBS issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to
11 Oakland and/or members of the Class in the United States, either directly or through its wholly-
12 owned subsidiary, Defendant UBS Securities, LLC (“UBS Securities”).

13 a. In November, 2006, UBS received subpoenas from the Antitrust
14 Division of the United States Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission
15 in connection with those agencies' investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the Municipal
16 Derivatives business.

17 b. On February 4, 2008, UBS received a so-called Wells notice from
18 the Philadelphia regional office of the SEC advising the company that the SEC staff had
19 recommended that the SEC bring a civil action against UBS in connection with the
20 anticompetitive practices associated with municipal bond derivatives.

21 c. Peter Ghavami, until December 2007 the Managing Director and
22 Co-Manager of Municipal Derivatives at UBS Securities in New York and London, recently
23 disclosed that he is a target of the grand jury convened in the Southern District of New York by
24 the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice investigating antitrust and other violations
25 related to anticompetitive conduct in the Municipal Derivatives business. Target letters of the
26 kind received by Ghavami are an indication that the DOJ has substantial evidence of the
27 commission of a federal crime and typically a sign that the recipient will soon be indicted absent a
28 plea agreement or cooperation deal.

1 40. Defendant UBS Securities LLC, formerly known as UBS Warburg LLC, is
 2 a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York, New York. It is a
 3 subsidiary of UBS AG. During the Class Period, UBS Securities issued and sold Municipal
 4 Derivatives to members of the Class.

5 41. Defendant UBS Financial Services Inc. ("UBS Financial"), formerly
 6 known as PaineWebber Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New
 7 York, New York. It is a subsidiary of UBS AG. In 2000, UBS Financial was purchased by
 8 Defendant UBS AG. During the Class Period, UBS Financial issued and sold Municipal
 9 Derivatives to members of the Class.

10 42. Defendant Wachovia Bank, N.A. ("Wachovia N.A.") is a North Carolina
 11 corporation with its principal place of business in Charlotte, North Carolina. During the Class
 12 Period, Wachovia N.A. issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland and/or members of the
 13 Class in the United States.

14 43. Defendant Wachovia Corporation ("Wachovia") is a North Carolina
 15 corporation with its principal place of business in Charlotte, North Carolina. During the Class
 16 Period, Wachovia issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland and/or members of the Class
 17 in the United States either directly or through its wholly-owned subsidiary Defendant Wachovia
 18 Bank, N.A. ("Wachovia N.A.").

19 a. In November, 2006, Wachovia received subpoenas from the
 20 Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange
 21 Commission in connection with those agencies' investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the
 22 Municipal Derivatives business.

23 b. Both the DOJ and the SEC have advised Wachovia that they
 24 believe Wachovia N.A. employees engaged in improper conduct in relation to competitively-bid
 25 municipal derivatives transactions.

26 c. Two Wachovia N.A. employees working in the company's
 27 Derivatives Marketing Department, Martin McConnell (the Managing Director of Marketing) and
 28 Paul Jay Saunders (the Director of Marketing), recently disclosed that they are targets of the

1 grand jury convened in the Southern District of New York by the Antitrust Division of the
 2 Department of Justice investigating antitrust and other violations related to anticompetitive
 3 conduct in the Municipal Derivatives business. Target letters of the kind received by McConnell
 4 and Saunders are an indication that the DOJ has substantial evidence of the commission of a
 5 federal crime and typically a sign that the recipient will soon be indicted absent a plea agreement
 6 or cooperation deal. Wachovia recently placed both Saunders – who worked for Defendant Bank
 7 of America from 1998 through 2003 – and McConnell on administrative leave following their
 8 disclosure that they were targets of the government's grand jury investigation.

9 44. Defendant XL Asset Funding 1, LLC ("XLAF") is a Delaware limited
 10 liability corporation maintaining its principal place of business in Schaumburg, Illinois. During
 11 the Class Period, XLAF issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland and/or members of the
 12 Class in the United States.

13 a. XLAF received subpoenas from the Antitrust Division of the
 14 United States Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection
 15 with those agencies' investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the Municipal Derivatives
 16 business.

17 45. Defendant XL Life Insurance & Annuity Company ("XL Life Insurance")
 18 is a subsidiary of XLAF maintaining its principal place of business in Schaumburg, Illinois.
 19 During the Class Period, XL Life Insurance issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland
 20 and/or members of the Class.

21 46. Defendant XL Capital, Ltd. ("XL Capital") is a foreign corporation
 22 maintaining its principal place of business in Hamilton, Bermuda. During the Class Period, XL
 23 Capital, either directly or through its affiliates Defendants Security Capital and XL Asset Funding
 24 1, LLC issued and sold Municipal Derivatives to Oakland and/or members of the Class in the
 25 United States.

Municipal Derivatives Broker Defendants

26 47. Defendant Cain Brothers & Company, LLC ("Cain") is a Delaware limited
 27 liability corporation with its principal place of business in New York, New York. During the

1 Class Period, Cain acted as a broker for Oakland and/or members of the Class in purchasing
 2 Municipal Derivatives from one or more of the Municipal Derivatives Seller Defendants.

3 a. Cain was subpoenaed by the SEC in connection with its
 4 investigation of anticompetitive practices in the Municipal Derivatives industry.

5 48. Defendant CDR Financial Products, Inc. ("CDR") is a Delaware
 6 corporation maintaining its principal place of business at Beverly Hills, California. During the
 7 Class Period, CDR acted as a broker for Oakland and/or members of the Class in purchasing
 8 Municipal Derivatives from one or more of the Municipal Derivatives Seller Defendants.

9 a. CDR's California offices were raided by the FBI in November,
 10 2006, at the start of the government's investigation into anticompetitive conduct in the Municipal
 11 Derivatives market.

12 b. CDR has been the subject of a series of long-standing federal
 13 governmental investigations involving its dealings with other participants in the municipal
 14 derivatives market, including Defendant Bank of America.

15 49. Defendant Feld Winters Financial, LLC ("Feld Winters"), is a California
 16 limited liability corporation with its principal place of business in Sherman Oaks, California.
 17 During the Class Period, Feld Winters acted as a broker for Oakland and/or members of the Class
 18 in purchasing Municipal Derivatives from one or more of the Municipal Derivatives Seller
 19 Defendants.

20 a. Feld Winters was subpoenaed by the Justice Department in
 21 connection with its investigation of anticompetitive conduct in the Municipal Derivatives
 22 business.

23 50. Defendant George K. Baum & Company ("Baum") is a Missouri
 24 corporation with its principal place of business in Kansas City, Missouri. During the Class
 25 Period, Baum acted as a broker for Oakland and/or members of the Class in purchasing Municipal
 26 Derivatives from one or more of the Municipal Derivatives Seller Defendants.

27 a. Baum was subpoenaed by the SEC in connection with its
 28 investigation of anticompetitive practices in the Municipal Derivatives industry.

1 b. Baum has been the target of previous governmental investigations
2 related to its Municipal Derivatives business.

3 c. On November 10, 2006, Baum settled allegations with the IRS that
4 it diverted profits from municipal bond deals. In one instance the IRS alleged that bidding was
5 rigged in the selection of a GIC provider for a \$150 million loan pool underwritten by Baum in
6 1999 and issued by the Illinois Development Finance Authority.

7 51. Defendant Investment Management Advisory Group, Inc. ("IMAGE") is a
8 Pennsylvania corporation maintaining its principal place of business at Pottstown, Pennsylvania.
9 During the Class Period, IMAGE acted as a broker for Plaintiff and/or members of the Class in
10 purchasing Municipal Derivatives from one or more of the Municipal Derivatives Seller
11 Defendants.

12 a. IMAGE's Pennsylvania offices were raided by the FBI in
13 November, 2006, at the start of the government's investigation into anticompetitive conduct in the
14 Municipal Derivatives market.

15 52. Defendant Morgan Keegan & Co., Inc. ("Morgan Keegan"), a subsidiary of
16 Regions Financial Corp., is a Tennessee corporation maintaining its principal place of business in
17 Memphis, Tennessee. During the Class Period, Morgan Keegan acted as a broker for Plaintiff
18 and/or members of the Class in purchasing Municipal Derivatives from one or more of the
19 Municipal Derivatives Seller Defendants.

20 a. Morgan Keegan has received a subpoena from the Securities and
21 Exchange Commission in connection with the SEC's investigation into anticompetitive practices
22 in the Municipal Derivatives industry.

23 53. Defendant PackerKiss Securities, Inc. ("PackerKiss") is a Florida
24 corporation maintaining its principal place of business in Delray Beach, Florida. During the
25 Class Period, PackerKiss acted as a broker for Plaintiff and/or members of the Class in
26 purchasing Municipal Derivatives from one or more of the Municipal Derivatives Seller
27 Defendants.

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1 54. Defendant Shockley Financial Corp. ("Shockley"), a subsidiary of NelNet
2 Inc., is a corporation maintaining its principal place of business in Aurora, Colorado. During the
3 Class Period, Shockley acted as a broker for Plaintiff and/or members of the Class in purchasing
4 Municipal Derivatives from one or more of the Municipal Derivatives Seller Defendants.

5 55. Defendant Sound Capital Management, Inc. ("Sound Capital") is a
6 Minnesota corporation maintaining its principal place of business at Eden Prairie, Minnesota.
7 During the Class Period, Sound Capital acted as a broker for Oakland and/or members of the
8 Class in purchasing Municipal Derivatives from one or more of the Municipal Derivatives Seller
9 Defendants.

10. a. Sound Capital's Minnesota offices were raided by the FBI in
11 November, 2006, at the start of the government's investigation into anticompetitive conduct in the
12 Municipal Derivatives market.

13 56. Defendant Winters & Co. Advisors, LLC (“Winters”) is a California
14 limited liability company maintaining its principal place of business in Los Angeles, California.
15 During the Class Period, Winters acted as a broker for Plaintiff and/or members of the Class in
16 purchasing Municipal Derivatives from one or more of the Municipal Derivatives Seller
17 Defendants.

CO-CONSPIRATORS

19 57. Various other persons, firms and corporations, not named as Defendants
20 herein, have participated as co-conspirators with Defendants and have performed acts and made
21 statements in furtherance of the conspiracy.

22 58. Whenever in this Complaint reference is made to any act, deed or
23 transaction of any corporation, the allegation means that the corporation engaged in the act, deed
24 or transaction by or through its officers, directors, agents, employees or representatives while they
25 were actively engaged in the management, direction, control or transaction of the corporation's
26 business or affairs.

1 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

2 59. Oakland brings this action on behalf of itself and as a class action under the
 3 provisions of Rule 23(a), (b)(2) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of all
 4 members of the following Class:

5 All state, local or municipal Government Entities and private
 6 entities in the United States and its territories that purchased
 7 Municipal Derivatives directly from one or more of the Municipal
 8 Derivatives Seller Defendants and/or through one or more of the
 9 Derivatives Broker Defendants at any time from January 1, 1992
 10 through December 31, 2007. Excluded from the Class are all
 11 federal governmental entities and instrumentalities of the federal
 12 government.

13 10 60. Oakland does not know the exact number of Class members because such
 14 information is in the exclusive control of Defendants. But due to the nature of the trade and
 15 commerce involved, Oakland believes that there are hundreds or thousands of Class members as
 16 described above, the exact number and their identities being known by Defendants.

17 14 61. The Class is so numerous and geographically dispersed that joinder of all
 18 members is impracticable.

19 16 62. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class, including:

20 17 a. Whether Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a
 21 combination and conspiracy among themselves to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the effective
 22 prices of Municipal Derivatives sold in the United States;

23 20 b. Whether Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a
 24 combination and conspiracy among themselves to rig bids for Municipal Derivatives sold in the
 25 United States;

26 23 c. Whether Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a
 27 combination and conspiracy among themselves to allocate customers and the markets for
 28 Municipal Derivatives sold in the United States;

29 26 d. The identity of the participants of the alleged conspiracy;

30 27 e. The duration of the alleged conspiracy and the acts carried out by
 31 Defendants and their co-conspirators in furtherance of the conspiracy;

1 f. Whether the alleged conspiracy violated Section 1 of the Sherman
2 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1;

3 g. Whether the conduct of Defendants and their co-conspirators, as
4 alleged in this Complaint, violated the California Cartwright Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §
5 16720, *et seq.*;

6 h. Whether the conduct of Defendants and their co-conspirators, as
7 alleged in this Complaint, violated the California Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof.
8 Code § 17200, *et seq.*;

9 i. Whether the conduct of Defendants and their co-conspirators, as
10 alleged in this Complaint, caused injury to the business or property of the Oakland and the other
11 members of the Class;

12 j. The effect of the alleged conspiracy on the effective prices of
13 Municipal Derivatives sold in the United States during the Class Period;

14 k. Whether the Defendants and their co-conspirators fraudulently
15 concealed the conspiracy's existence from the Oakland and the other members of the Class; and
16 l. The appropriate class-wide measure of damages.

17 63. Oakland is a member of the Class, Oakland's claims are typical of the
18 claims of the Class members, and Oakland will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the
19 Class. Oakland is a direct purchaser of Municipal Derivatives, and its interests are coincident
20 with, and not antagonistic to, those of the other members of the Class.

21 64. Oakland is represented by counsel who are competent and experienced in
22 the prosecution of antitrust and class action litigation.

23 65. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class
24 would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications, establishing incompatible standards
25 of conduct for Defendants.

26 66. The questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class
27 predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including legal and factual
28 issues relating to liability and damages.

1 67. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and
2 efficient adjudication of this controversy. The Class is readily definable and is one for which
3 records should exist. Prosecution as a class action will eliminate the possibility of repetitious
4 litigation. Treatment as a class action will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to
5 adjudicate their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without the
6 duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. This class
7 action presents no difficulties in management that would preclude maintenance as a class action.

TRADE AND INTERSTATE COMMERCE

9 68. The activities of Defendants and their co-conspirators, as described in this
10 Complaint, were within the flow of and substantially affected interstate commerce.

11 69. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators issued and
12 sold substantial quantities of Municipal Derivatives, in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of
13 interstate commerce to Government Entities located in states other than the states in which the
14 Municipal Derivatives Seller Defendants issued and/or brokered these products.

15 70. The conspiracy in which the Defendants and their co-conspirators
16 participated had a direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable effect on United States
17 commerce.

FACTS

The Market for Municipal Derivatives

20 71. Municipalities and state and local government agencies issue over \$2
21 trillion worth of municipal bonds annually.

22 72. While the tax-free bonds are sold in contemplation of construction, public
23 housing or other public-works projects, municipalities have in the last decade opted to invest the
24 proceeds of the bond sales before these projects are even started, or to hedge the interest-rate risk
25 associated with the issuance of large amounts of tax-exempt debt.

26 73. Municipal Derivatives have become an attractive investment vehicle for
27 municipalities looking to park bond proceeds until the money raised from the sale is actually
28 needed for capital projects, or to protect themselves from interest-rate risk associated with issuing

1 their tax-exempt bonds. There are roughly \$40 - \$60 billion in Municipal Derivatives created in
2 the United States annually.

3 74. The market for Municipal Derivatives has become more concentrated since
4 the late 1990's, with an increasingly smaller number of investment banks and bond insurers
5 occupying the market.

6 75. The Municipal Derivatives industry has been variously described by
7 market participants as opaque, intertwined and interconnected, all characteristics which facilitate
8 the type of illegal collusion alleged herein. The Municipal Derivatives market lacks transparency,
9 and regulatory and private efforts to impose transparency have not been successful. On July 26,
10 2007, the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission delivered a white paper to
11 Congress calling for improved oversight of the municipal securities market.

The Competitive Bidding Process

13 76. A wide variety of Municipal Derivatives are sold through competitive
14 bidding undertaken by Government Entities and overseen by the Municipal Derivatives Brokers
15 acting as their fiduciaries.

16 77. The Competitive Bidding Process involving GICs is illustrative of the way
17 many Government Entities purchase Municipal Derivatives, and indicative of the methods by
18 which the Defendants have succeeded in manipulating these financial instruments pursuant to
19 their bid-rigging and customer allocation conspiracy.

20 78. Flush with proceeds from a muni bond sale, a Government Entity looks to
21 invest in a GIC. The Government Entity will retain a GIC Broker to facilitate the acquisition of
22 the contract. The Government Entities typically pay a fee to the GIC Broker for shopping for
23 GIC Bids.

24 79. In the wake of the so-called “yield-burning” scandal of the 1980’s and
25 1990’s – in which municipal bond issuers were sold overpriced investment vehicles or charged
26 fees that acted to artificially reduce the yields on their underlying bond issues – the IRS
27 promulgated regulations meant to ensure that Government Entities were purchasing Municipal
28 Derivatives at a fair market value price.

1 80. IRS tax-exempt bond regulations (here, "Treasury Regulations") stipulate
2 that if Government Entities invest the proceeds of bond sales, the yield of the investment cannot
3 exceed the yield of the municipal bond itself. Any interest exceeding the bond rate of the tax-
4 exempt bond investments is required to be rebated to the IRS, absent an exception.

5 81. To satisfy these so-called arbitrage rules, any given GIC is structured to
6 limit the rate of interest that a municipality can earn on the GIC to less than the yield of the bond
7 whose issuance financed the investment in the GIC in the first place. The Rate of Return any
8 particular Municipal Derivatives Seller can offer a Government Entity is therefore effectively
9 capped.

10 82. Treasury Regulations related to Municipal Derivatives are aimed at
11 ensuring that Government Entities get competitive bids on the interest rate a Municipal
12 Derivatives Seller pays the municipalities under the terms of the GIC. According to Treasury
13 Regulations, a GIC is sold at "fair market value" if the bidding process satisfies certain
14 procedures. Essentially, there should be at least three reasonably competitive bids solicited from
15 Municipal Derivatives Sellers, and all of these bidders must have an equal opportunity to bid –
16 that is, no bidder can have a "last look" to review other bids before bidding on the contract.
17 Treasury Regulations state that a "reasonably competitive" Municipal Derivatives Seller is an
18 entity with "an established industry reputation" as a competitive Municipal Derivatives Seller.
19 The IRS may levy penalties under Section 6700 of the tax code when it determines bid-rigging
20 has occurred.

21 83. The Municipal Derivatives Broker, acting as the fiduciary to the
22 Government Entity, oversees the solicitation and placement of the bids from Municipal
23 Derivatives Sellers.

24 84. After hiring a Municipal Derivatives Broker to oversee the solicitation of
25 GIC Bids, Government Entities buy a GIC from a Municipal Derivatives Seller pursuant to the
26 Competitive Bidding Process.

1 85. The parties to a GIC are the Municipal Derivatives Seller, acting as the
2 Counterparty and the Government Entity. The Municipal Derivatives Seller now acting as the
3 Counterparty supplies the most salient term, namely the Rate of Return on the investment.

4 86. The GIC entitles the Government Entity to receive the return of the
5 Government Entity's initial principal plus guaranteed interest at a specified Rate of Return, and to
6 withdraw principal from the GIC as permitted.

7 87. Generally, a Government Entity will acquire a GIC in order to invest funds
8 on deposit in a debt service reserve fund or construction fund until it needs to use such funds to
9 service debt or fund the payment of project expenses in accordance with the underlying bond
10 documents.

11 88. In exchange for the payment of a guaranteed Rate of Return to the
12 Government Entity, and the full repayment of all principal on a date certain, the Municipal
13 Derivatives Counterparty is allowed to invest the principal furnished by the Government Entity.
14 The Municipal Derivatives Counterparty's profits are made on the spread between the Rate of
15 Return the Municipal Derivatives Counterparty offers to the Government Entity and the returns
16 the GIC's invested principal makes for the Municipal Derivatives Counterparty pursuant to
17 whatever investment the Municipal Derivatives Counterparty chooses.

18 89. The Competitive Bidding Process outlined in the Treasury Regulations
19 mandates that any Government Entity seeking to buy a GIC receive at least three bona fide Bids
20 from Municipal Derivatives Sellers. Each bidder typically faxes its Bid into the Municipal
21 Derivatives Broker, which collects the ostensibly competitive Bids and informs the Government
22 Entity of the range of Bids, the identity of the Municipal Derivatives Sellers submitting them, and
23 the time each Bid was received.

24 90. Each GIC Bid includes a statement that the Bid was determined without
25 regard to any other formal or informal agreement with another Municipal Derivatives Seller, and
26 that the Bid was not submitted solely as a so-called "courtesy" Bid.

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1 91. The Municipal Derivatives Seller that offers the highest-yielding Rate of
2 Return is selected as the Counterparty, often within hours of the close of the Competitive Bidding
3 Process.

4 92. The vast majority of GICs purchased in the United States are purchased
5 pursuant to the competitive bidding process established by Treasury Regulation §1.148-5 *et seq.*,
6 which has been in effect since approximately 1993, and which are only some of the Treasury
7 Regulations governing the reinvestment of municipal bond proceeds.

8 93. The entire GIC bidding and purchasing process, as well as those processes
9 relating to the purchase of other types of Municipal Derivatives, is susceptible to abuse even
10 when dealings involve sophisticated and experienced Government Entities.

11 94. Even sophisticated Government Entities (who rely in large part on the
12 Municipal Derivatives Broker Defendants acting as their fiduciaries) may not know that they are
13 the target of the bid-rigging and customer allocation conspiracy alleged herein.

The Bid-Rigging Conspiracy

15 95. The potential for bid-rigging in any given GIC transaction exists in the
16 exploitation of the Rate of Return that a particular GIC Seller is willing to offer to a Government
17 Entity looking to invest its bond proceeds. The Municipal Derivatives Seller Defendants, aided
18 by the Municipal Derivatives Broker Defendants, have turned the Treasury Regulations into a
19 travesty by exploiting Government Entities' need for reinvestment of bond proceeds.

20 96. The Municipal Derivatives Seller Defendants, in concert with the
21 Municipal Derivative Brokers, similarly exploited the elements of other types of Municipal
22 Derivatives bought by Government Entities as part of their bid-rigging and customer allocation
23 conspiracy.

24 97. Bid-rigging of GIC transactions, which are illustrative of anticompetitive
25 conduct in the overall market for Municipal Derivatives, typically occurs when only one firm
26 submits a reasonable, financially viable Bid, and the other two or more bidders submit Bids
27 offering unjustifiably low Rates of Return, or simply refuse (or “pass”) on the opportunity to bid.

1 98. Other times, bids are late or incomplete, leaving only one viable bid for the
2 Government Entity to choose from.

3 99. Although at least one market participant has recently attempted to add
4 transparency to the market by developing a web-based bid auction service, GIC Bids are
5 traditionally done over the phone or sent to Municipal Derivatives Brokers via fax, facilitating
6 collusion of the type alleged herein.

7 100. At least one investment bank has provided the government with transcripts
8 of telephone conversations that indicated that the investment bank and other market participants
9 were involved in anticompetitive conduct on Municipal Derivatives sold to Government Entities.

10 101. While the winning bid may be financially viable in light of the Treasury
11 Regulations' restrictions on bond issue reinvestment, it is not necessarily at fair market value, and
12 does not necessarily provide the Government Entity with the best possible Rate of Return on the
13 investment it is seeking by buying the GIC.

14 102. The unrealistically low bids – dubbed “courtesy bids” because they are
15 provided solely as a courtesy so that another Municipal Derivatives Seller can win on a bid that is
16 below fair market value – are often more than 100 basis points below the winning bid. As Mark
17 Scott, director of the IRS tax exempt bond office, stated in *The Bond Buyer* on January 6, 2005,
18 “When a bid is 100 to 150 basis points below the market and there is no justification for that
19 being so low, one of the assumption you can draw is that there are courtesy bids being provided.”

20 103. Often the winning bid is the only one high enough to make the GIC work
21 and be a worthwhile reinvestment vehicle for the Government Entity.

22 104. According to a speaker at a recent teleconference organized by the National
23 Association of Bond Lawyers and reported in *The Bond Buyer* on February 8, 2007, the use of
24 courtesy bids in GICs transactions is quite prevalent. IRS officials have stated that bid-rigging is
25 a wide and pervasive practice in GIC transactions and have uncovered numerous transactions
26 involving rigged bids and customer allocation. A number of these transactions involve both the
27 Municipal Derivatives Seller Defendants and the Municipal Derivatives Broker Defendants.

1 105. Municipal Derivatives Brokers also routinely offer favored Municipal
 2 Derivatives Sellers with an illegal “last look” at their competitors’ submitted bids, or even
 3 exclude potential bidders without the Government Entity’s knowledge.

4 106. Evidence seized by the federal government as part of its wide-ranging
 5 investigation, including taped telephone conversations, revealed instances in which the winning
 6 bidder was given a “last look” at other bids, or bidders were asked to bid low in exchange for
 7 preferential treatment in later deals.

8 107. As part of its ongoing investigation into these practices, the IRS also
 9 uncovered several bidding schemes that allowed the Municipal Derivatives Seller to underpay for
 10 the GIC – that is, provide a less than fair market value interest rate – and then overpay the
 11 Municipal Derivatives Broker for other investment agreements or remarketing fees associated
 12 with the GIC, a form of kickback that may jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the underlying
 13 bond or result in excess “arbitrage” paid to the federal government.

14 **Governmental Investigations of Defendants’ Conspiracies**

15 108. On Wednesday, November 15, 2006, the FBI began a series of nationwide
 16 raids on numerous Municipal Derivatives Brokers, including the Municipal Derivatives Broker
 17 Defendants. The FBI raids coincided with the service of nearly two dozen subpoenas on other
 18 participants in the Municipal Derivatives business, including the Municipal Derivatives Sellers
 19 named as Defendants herein.

20 109. The DOJ’s Antitrust Division served subpoenas from a grand jury sitting in
 21 the Southern District of New York, and a number of the targeted companies revealed that they
 22 had also received subpoenas from the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with a
 23 parallel civil probe.

24 110. The Antitrust Division is conducting a criminal probe into anticompetitive
 25 conduct, including bid-rigging and customer allocation, and the DOJ is contemplating charging
 26 market participants with continuing acts of conspiracy, and (as detailed above) have targeted a
 27 number of individuals for indictment.

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1 111. The SEC probe, entitled *In the Matter of Certain GIC Brokers*, is focused
2 on securities fraud in municipal bond deals undertaken since 2000. Upon information and belief,
3 the SEC is investigating Municipal Derivatives Sellers' non-disclosure of an extensive scheme
4 involving kickbacks to Municipal Derivatives Brokers, a scheme that acted as a necessary
5 corollary to the conspiracy alleged herein. Such non-disclosure of kickbacks to Municipal
6 Derivatives Brokers jeopardizes the tax-exempt status of Government Entities' bonds, or may
7 subject them to potentially excessive arbitrage payments to the federal government.

8 112. The DOJ and SEC investigations follow a lengthy and continuing probe by
9 the IRS' Criminal Investigation Division and its Tax-Exempt Bond office.

10 113. The Justice Department subpoenas asked for documents, e-mails, tapes or
11 notes of phone conversations and other information regarding "contracts involving the investment
12 or reinvestment of the proceeds of tax-exempt bond issues and qualified zone academy bonds [as
13 well as] related transactions involving the management or transferal of the interest rate risk
14 associated with those bonds, including but not limited to [GICs], forward supply, purchase or
15 delivery agreements; repurchase agreements; swaps; options; and swaptions."

16 114. The subpoenas also demanded organizational charts, phone directories, and
17 lists of all employees involved with Municipal Derivatives, in addition to all documents
18 associated with what the subpoenas apparently described as "relevant municipal contracts
19 awarded or intended to be awarded pursuant to competitive bidding," which would include
20 invitations to bid; solicitations, notices or RFPs issued to any provider by municipal clients;
21 actual or proposed responses to those RFPs; and amounts and prices bid for the various
22 investment vehicles.

23 115. On February 9, 2007, Defendant Bank of America announced that it
24 entered into a leniency agreement with the Justice Department in connection with what it
25 described as "the Department's investigation into anticompetitive practices in the municipal
26 derivatives industry."

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1 116. Defendant Bank of America noted that the amnesty grant "was the result of
 2 the company voluntarily providing information to the Department before the Department began
 3 its investigation, as well as the company's continuing cooperation."

4 117. Entry into the DOJ's amnesty program follows presentation of evidence of
 5 a *per se* antitrust violation on behalf of the applicant, in this instance Defendant Bank of America.
 6 Evidence of Defendant Bank of America's dealings, including recorded telephone conversations
 7 of traders giving courtesy bids, was one of the key galvanizers of the criminal investigation. Key
 8 derivatives officials at the bank were placed on "administrative leave," including Dean Pinard, the
 9 head of BOA's derivatives department.

10 118. Defendant Bank of America also disclosed that it had reached a \$14.7
 11 million settlement with the IRS relating to the company's role in providing GICs and other
 12 agreements to municipal bond issuers.

13 119. As detailed in Paragraphs 16 to 53 above, a number of individuals have
 14 been targeted for indictment by the Department of Justice, and a number of Municipal Derivatives
 15 Seller Defendants are facing civil and administrative actions from the SEC in relation to that
 16 agency's investigation into anticompetitive practices in the Municipal Derivatives market.

FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT

18 120. Oakland and members of the Class had no knowledge of the agreement,
 19 contract, combination, and conspiracy alleged in this Complaint, or of any facts that might have
 20 led to the discovery thereof, until shortly before the filing of this action. Oakland could not have
 21 discovered the agreement, contract, combination, and conspiracy at an earlier date by the exercise
 22 of reasonable diligence because of the deceptive practices and methods of secrecy employed by
 23 Defendants and their co-conspirators to avoid detection of, and fraudulently conceal, their
 24 agreement, contract, combination, and conspiracy. These methods of secrecy included, but were
 25 not limited to, secret meetings, misrepresentations concerning the reasons for price increases,
 26 encouraging witnesses to give false testimony to the grand jury and government officials, and
 27 destroying or concealing evidence of their illegal conduct.

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1 121. The affirmative acts of the Defendants alleged herein, including acts in
2 furtherance of the conspiracy, were wrongfully concealed and carried out in a manner that
3 precluded detection.

4 122. By their very nature, Defendants' bid-rigging and customer-allocation
5 conspiracy was inherently self-concealing. The Municipal Derivatives industry is not exempt
6 from antitrust regulation, and thus Oakland reasonably considered it to be a well-regulated
7 competitive industry.

8 123. In the context of the circumstances surrounding Defendants' pricing
9 practices, Defendants' acts of concealment were more than sufficient to preclude suspicion by a
10 reasonable person that defendants' bidding and pricing were conspiratorial. Accordingly, a
11 reasonable person under the circumstances would not have been alerted to investigate the
12 legitimacy of Defendants' proffered Municipal Derivatives prices.

13 124. Oakland and members of the Class could not have discovered the alleged
14 contract, conspiracy, or combination at an earlier date by the exercise of reasonable diligence
15 because of the deceptive practices and techniques of secrecy employed by Defendants and their
16 co-conspirators to avoid detection of, and fraudulently conceal, their contract, combination or
17 conspiracy. Such practices are especially prevalent in bid-rigging and customer-allocation
18 conspiracies such as the one alleged herein.

19 125. Because the alleged conspiracy was both self-concealing and affirmatively
20 concealed by Defendants and their co-conspirators, Oakland and members of the Class had no
21 knowledge of the alleged conspiracy, or of any facts or information that would have caused a
22 reasonably diligent person to investigate whether a conspiracy existed.

23 126. As a result of Defendants' fraudulent concealment of their conspiracy, the
24 running of any statute of limitations has been tolled with respect to any claims that Oakland and
25 members of the Class have alleged in this Complaint.

26 127. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators
27 affirmatively and fraudulently concealed their unlawful conduct.
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1 128. Oakland and the Class members did not discover, nor could have
 2 discovered through reasonable diligence, that Defendants and their co-conspirators were violating
 3 the antitrust laws until before this litigation was commenced because Defendants and their co-
 4 conspirators used and continue to use deceptive and secret methods to avoid detection and to
 5 affirmatively conceal their violations. Nor could Oakland or the Class members have discovered
 6 the violations earlier than that time because Defendants and their co-conspirators conducted their
 7 conspiracy secretly, concealed the nature of their unlawful conduct and acts in furtherance
 8 thereof, and fraudulently concealed their activities through various other means and methods
 9 designed to avoid detection.

10 129. Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a successful
 11 anticompetitive conspiracy concerning Municipal Derivatives, which they affirmatively
 12 concealed, at least in the following respects:

- 13 a. By meeting secretly to discuss effective prices, bids, and customers
 14 and markets of Municipal Derivatives in the U.S.;
- 15 b. By agreeing among themselves not to discuss publicly, or otherwise
 16 reveal, the nature and substance of the acts and communications in furtherance of their illegal
 17 scheme;
- 18 c. By intentionally creating the false appearance of competition by
 19 staging sham auctions in which the results were pre-determined; and
- 20 d. By furnishing each other participant in all given bidding sessions
 21 with illegal "last looks" at their ostensible competitors' bids.

22 130. Oakland and Class members did not know, and could not have discovered
 23 through reasonable diligence, that the auctions arranged by the Derivatives Broker Defendants
 24 were sham, and that rather than being competitive, the results of the auctions were rigged.

25 131. As a result of Defendants' fraudulent concealment, all applicable statutes
 26 of limitations affecting the Oakland's and the Class' claims have been tolled.

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CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**
(Violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act)

132. From as early as January 1, 1992 through the present, Defendants and their
 5 co-conspirators engaged in a continuing contract, combination or conspiracy with respect to the
 6 sale of Municipal Derivatives in the United States in unreasonable restraint of interstate trade and
 7 commerce, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1.

133. The contract, combination or conspiracy consisted of an agreement among
 9 the Defendants and their co-conspirators to fix, raise, stabilize or maintain at artificially
 10 supracompetitive prices for Municipal Derivatives and to rig bids and to allocate customers and
 11 markets for Municipal Derivatives in the United States.

134. In formulating and effectuating this conspiracy, Defendants and their co-
 13 conspirators did those things that they combined and conspired to do, including:

14 a. participating in meetings and conversations among themselves
 15 during which they agreed to price Municipal Derivatives at certain levels, and otherwise to fix,
 16 increase, maintain or stabilize effective prices paid by Oakland and members of the Class with
 17 respect to Municipal Derivatives sold in the United States and to rig bids and allocate customers
 18 and markets of Municipal Derivatives;

19 b. arranging sham auctions among the Municipal Derivatives Seller
 20 Defendants that were designed to create the appearance of competition for the sale of Municipal
 21 Derivatives, but in which the result had been agreed upon among the Defendants and co-
 22 conspirators;

23 c. allocating customers and markets for Municipal Derivatives in the
 24 United States in furtherance of their agreements;

25 d. rigging bids for Municipal Derivatives sold in the United States;
 26 and

27 e. participating in meetings and conversations among themselves to
 28 implement, adhere and police the agreements they reached.

1 135. Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in the actions described
2 above for the purpose of carrying out their unlawful agreements to fix, maintain, decrease or
3 stabilize prices and to allocate customers and markets with respect to Municipal Derivatives.

4 136. The Defendants' unlawful contract, combination or conspiracy has had at
5 least the following effects:

6 a. Effective prices paid by Oakland and the members of the Class with
7 respect to Municipal Derivatives were fixed, stabilized and maintained at artificially low and non-
8 competitive levels in the United States;

9 b. Bids for Municipal Derivatives sold in the United States were
10 rigged;

11 c. Customers and markets for Municipal Derivatives were allocated
12 among Defendants and their co-conspirators;

13 d. Oakland and the other members of the Class paid more or received
14 lower Rates of Return for the Municipal Derivatives they purchased than they would have paid in
15 a competitive marketplace, unfettered by Defendants' and their co-conspirators' collusive and
16 unlawful activities;

17 e. Price competition with respect to the sale of Municipal Derivatives
18 was restrained, suppressed and eliminated in the United States; and

19 f. As a direct and proximate result of the illegal combination, contract
20 or conspiracy, Oakland and the members of the Class have been injured and financially damaged
21 in their businesses and property, in amounts to be determined, by being deprived of the highest-
22 allowable interest rate on its Municipal Derivatives investment. The courtesy (sometimes also
23 called complimentary) bids submitted by the Municipal Derivatives Sellers defrauded the
24 Government Entities by creating the appearance of competition to conceal the secretly deflated
25 interest rate offers.

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SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**(Violation of the California Cartwright Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code section 16720, *et seq.*)**

3 137. Oakland, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, realleges and
 4 incorporates, as if fully alleged herein, each of the allegations contained in the preceding
 5 paragraphs of this Complaint, and further alleges against Defendants as follows.

6 138. The unlawful conduct of Defendants, including the Defendants
 7 headquartered or based in California, was centered in and carried out within California, and
 8 Defendants' conduct within California injured all members of the Class throughout the United
 9 States. Therefore, this claim for relief under California law is brought on behalf of all members
 10 of the Class, whether or not they are California residents.

11 139. Beginning at least as early as January 1, 1992 through the present, the exact
 12 dates being unknown to Oakland, Defendants and various co-conspirators entered into and
 13 engaged in a continuing unlawful trust in restraint of the trade and commerce described above in
 14 violation of Section 16720, California Business and Professional Code. Defendants, and each of
 15 them, have acted in violation of Section 16720 to fix, raise, stabilize and maintain prices of,
 16 allocate markets and rig bids for, Municipal Derivatives.

17 140. For the purpose of forming and implementing the alleged combinations,
 18 trusts, agreements, understandings and concert of action, Defendants and their co-conspirators did
 19 those things they conspired to do, including but not limited to the acts alleged above, including
 20 actions:

- 21 a. to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the price of Municipal
 22 Derivatives;
- 23 b. to allocate markets for Municipal Derivatives amongst themselves;
 24 and
- 25 c. to submit rigged bids for Municipal Derivatives.

26 141. In formulating and carrying out the alleged combinations, trusts,
 27 agreements, understandings and concert of action, Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged
 28 in anticompetitive activities, the purpose and effect of which were (a) to artificially raise, fix,

1 maintain, or stabilize the prices of Municipal Derivatives; (b) to allocate among themselves
2 Municipal Derivatives markets and customers; and (c) to facilitate, effectuate, and implement the
3 contract, combination, and conspiracy.

4 142. The combination and conspiracy alleged herein has had the following
5 effects, among others:

6 a. Price competition in the sale of Municipal Derivatives has been
7 restrained, suppressed and/or eliminated in the State of California and throughout the United
8 States;

12 c. Those who purchased Municipal Derivatives from Defendants and
13 their co-conspirators have been deprived of the benefit of free and open competition.

14 143. As a direct and proximate result of the illegal combination, trust,
15 agreement, understanding and concert of action, Oakland and the members of the Class have been
16 injured in their business and property in that they paid more for Municipal Derivatives than they
17 otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful conduct.

18 144. As a result of Defendants' violation of Section 16720 of the California
19 Business and Professions Code, Oakland seeks treble damages and the costs of suit, including
20 reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to Section 16750(a) of the California Business and
21 Professions Code.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(Violation of the California Unfair Competition Law,
Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code section 17200, *et seq.*)

24 145. Oakland, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, realleges and
25 incorporates, as if fully alleged herein, each of the allegations contained in the preceding
26 paragraphs of this Complaint, and further alleges against Defendants as follows.

146. Defendants' unlawful conduct was centered in, carried out and perfected
mainly within the State of California, and Defendants' conduct within California injured all

1 members of the Class throughout the United States. Therefore, this claim for relief under
 2 California law is brought on behalf of all members of the Class, whether or not they are
 3 California residents.

4 147. Beginning at least as early as January 1, 1992 and continuing to the
 5 present, the exact dates being unknown to Oakland, Defendants committed acts of unfair
 6 competition, as defined by Sections 17200, *et seq.* of the California Business and Professions
 7 Code, commonly known as the Unfair Competition Law, by engaging in the acts and practices
 8 specified above.

9 148. Oakland and the members of the Class bring this claim pursuant to
 10 Sections 17203 and 17204 of the California Business and Professions Code, to obtain restitution
 11 and/or disgorgement from these Defendants for acts, as alleged herein, that violate the Unfair
 12 Competition Law.

13 149. Defendants' acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-
 14 disclosures, as alleged herein, constitute a common course of conduct of unfair competition by
 15 means of unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business acts or practices within the meaning of
 16 California Business and Professions Code, Section 17200, *et seq.*, in that, for example:

17 a. the violations of Section 16720, *et seq.*, of the California Business
 18 and Professions Code, set forth above;

19 b. the acts described above violate the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1;

20 c. Defendants' acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and
 21 nondisclosures, as described above, whether or not in violation of Section 16720, *et seq.* of the
 22 California Business and Professions Code, and whether or not concerted or independent acts, are
 23 otherwise unfair, unconscionable, unlawful or fraudulent;

24 d. Defendants' act and practices are unfair to consumers of Municipal
 25 Derivatives in the State of California and throughout the United States, within the meaning of
 26 Section 17200, California Business and Professions Code; and

27 e. Defendants' acts and practices are fraudulent or deceptive within
 28 the meaning of Section 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code.

1 150. Oakland and each of the Class members are entitled to full restitution
2 and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation and benefits which may
3 have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business acts or practices.

4 151. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants, and each of
5 them, as described above, have caused Oakland and the members of the Class to pay supra-
6 competitive and artificially-inflated prices for Municipal Derivatives. Oakland and the members
7 of the class suffered injury in fact and lost money or property as a result of such unfair
8 competition.

9 152. The conduct of Defendants as alleged in this Complaint violates
10 Section 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code.

11 153. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators have
12 been unjustly enriched as a result of their wrongful conduct and by Defendants' unfair
13 competition. Oakland and the members of the Class are accordingly entitled to equitable relief
14 including restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation and
15 benefits which may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business practices,
16 pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code, Sections 17203 and 17204.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

19 I. That the Court determine that this action may be maintained as a class
20 action under Rules 23(b)(2) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that Oakland be
21 certified as a class representative and Oakland's counsel be appointed as counsel for the Class;

22 2. That the unlawful contract, combination or conspiracy alleged be adjudged
23 and decreed to be an unreasonable restraint of trade or commerce in violation of Section 1 of the
24 Sherman Act and Section 16720, *et seq.*, of the California Business & Professions Code (the
25 Cartwright Act);

26 3. That the unlawful contract, combination or conspiracy alleged be adjudged
27 and decreed to be unfair, fraudulent, and illegal in violation of Section 17200, *et seq.*, of the
28 California Business & Professions Code (the Unfair Competition Law);

1 4. That Oakland and the Class recover damages and restitution, as provided
2 by law, determined to have been sustained as to each of them, in an amount to be trebled in
3 accordance with the antitrust laws, and that judgment be entered against defendants on behalf of
4 Oakland and of the Class;

5 5. That Oakland and the Class recover their costs of the suit, including
6 attorneys' fees, as provided by law; and

7 6. For such other and further relief as is just under the circumstances.

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands a jury trial as to all issues triable by a jury.

Dated: April 23, 2008

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE TWO OF THE FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

CITY OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

DEFENDANTS

SEE ATTACHMENT

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Alameda County
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED

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E-filing**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III) |

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
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110 Insurance	PERSONAL INJURY	PERSONAL INJURY	422 Appeal 28 USC 158	400 State Reapportionment
120 Marine	310 Airplane	362 Personal Injury — Med. Malpractice	423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	X 10 Antitrust
130 Miller Act	315 Airplane Product Liability	365 Personal Injury — Product Liability		430 Banks and Banking
140 Negotiable Instrument	320 Assault, Libel & Slander	368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability		450 Commerce
150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	330 Federal Employers' Liability	370 Other Fraud		460 Deportation
151 Medicare Act	340 Marine	371 Truth in Lending		470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations
152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans)	345 Marine Product Liability	380 Other Personal Property Damage		480 Consumer Credit
153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	350 Motor Vehicle	385 Property Damage Product Liability		490 Cable/Sat TV
160 Stockholders' Suits	355 Motor Vehicle			810 Selective Service
190 Other Contract	360 Other Personal Injury			850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange
195 Contract Product Liability				875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410
196 Franchise				890 Other Statutory Actions
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210 Land Condemnation	441 Voting	510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	861 HIA (1395f)	892 Economic Stabilization Act
220 Foreclosure	442 Employment	Habeas Corpus:	862 Black Lung (923)	893 Environmental Matters
230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	443 Housing/ Accommodations	530 General	863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	894 Energy Allocation Act
240 Tort to Land	444 Welfare	535 Death Penalty	864 SSID Title XVI	895 Freedom of Information Act
245 Tort Product Liability	445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment	540 Mandamus & Other	865 RSI (405(g))	900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice
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				Appeal to District 7 Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

15 U.S.C. Section 1

Brief description of cause:

Unlawfully rigging bids for municipal bond guaranteed investment contracts

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION

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CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint

UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

JURY DEMAND: Yes No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

PLEASE REFER TO CIVIL L.R. 3-12 CONCERNING REQUIREMENT TO FILE

"NOTICE OF RELATED CASE".

IX. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT (CIVIL L.R. 3-2)

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April 23, 2008

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Eric B. Fastiff

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ATTACHMENT TO
CIVIL COVER SHEET

I. (a)

THE CITY OF OAKLAND, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

AIG FINANCIAL PRODUCTS CORP.; AIG SUNAMERICA LIFE ASSURANCE CO.; BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES, INC.; CAIN BROTHERS & COMPANY, LLC; CDR FINANCIAL PRODUCTS, INC.; FELD WINTERS FINANCIAL, LLC; FINANCIAL GUARANTY INSURANCE CO.; FINANCIAL SECURITY ASSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD.; FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY; GE FUNDING CAPITAL MARKET SERVICES, INC.; GENWORTH FINANCIAL, INC.; GEORGE K. BAUM & COMPANY; INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP, INC.; J.P. MORGAN CHASE & CO.; KINSELL NEWCOMB & DE DIOS, INC.; LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.; MERRILL LYNCH & CO. INC.; MORGAN KEEGAN & CO., INC.; MORGAN STANLEY; NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK plc; NATIXIS, S.A.; PACKERKISS SECURITIES, INC.; PIPER JAFFRAY & CO.; SECURITY CAPITAL ASSURANCE, INC.; SHOCKLEY FINANCIAL CORP.; SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE; SOUND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.; TRINITY FUNDING COMPANY, LLC; UBS AG; WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.; WACHOVIA CORPORATION; WINTERS & CO. ADVISORS, LLC; XL ASSET FUNDING COMPANY I LLC; XL CAPITAL, LTD.; and XL LIFE INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY,

Defendants.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CITY OF OAKLAND,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

AIG FINANCIAL PRODUCTS CORP,
Defendant(s).**E-filing**

No. C 08-02116 MEJ

**ORDER SETTING INITIAL CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
AND ADR DEADLINES****ORIGINAL
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OF CALIFORNIA

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this action is assigned to the Honorable Maria-Elena James. When serving the complaint or notice of removal, the plaintiff or removing defendant must serve on all other parties a copy of this order, the Notice of Assignment of Case to a United States Magistrate Judge for Trial, and all other documents specified in Civil Local Rule 4-2. Counsel must comply with the case schedule listed below unless the Court otherwise orders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this action is assigned to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Multi-Option Program governed by ADR Local Rule 3. Counsel and clients shall familiarize themselves with that rule and with the material entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California" on the Court ADR Internet site at www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov. A limited number of printed copies are available from the Clerk's Office for parties in cases not subject to the court's Electronic Case Filing program (ECF).

CASE SCHEDULE -ADR MULTI-OPTION PROGRAM

Date	Event	Governing Rule
4/23/2008	Complaint filed	
7/10/2008	*Last day to: • meet and confer re: initial disclosures, early settlement, ADR process selection, and discovery plan • file Joint ADR Certification with Stipulation to ADR Process or Notice of Need for ADR Phone Conference	<u>FRCivP 26(f) & ADR L.R.3-5</u> <u>Civil L.R. 16-8</u>
7/24/2008	*Last day to file Rule 26(f) Report, complete initial disclosures or state objection in Rule 26(f) Report and file Case Management Statement per attached Standing Order re Contents of Joint Case Management Statement (also available at http://www.cand.uscourts.gov)	<u>FRCivP 26(a)(1)</u> <u>Civil L.R. 16-9</u>
7/31/2008	INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (CMC) in Ctrm. B, 15th Floor, SF at 10:00 AM	<u>Civil L.R. 16-10</u>

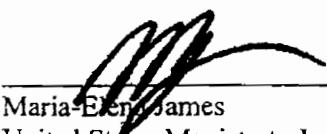
* If the Initial Case Management Conference is continued, the other deadlines are continued accordingly.

Case Management Standing Order Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James

San Francisco, Courtroom B, 15th Floor
Brenda Tolbert, Courtroom Deputy (415) 522-4708

1. Civil Law & Motion is heard on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Counsel need not reserve a hearing date for civil matters, but should confirm Judge James' availability in the legal newspapers and on the district court web site, www.cand.uscourts.gov. Motions are governed by the Civil Local Rules and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Motions for summary judgment shall be accompanied by a joint statement of undisputed facts in compliance with Civil L. R. 56-2(b).
2. Criminal motions are scheduled with the courtroom deputy for any Thursday at 10:00 a.m. when the judge is available, or during the regular criminal calendar while Judge James is on criminal duty. Motions are governed by the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Criminal Local Rules.
3. Discovery disputes are governed by Judge James' discovery standing order, enclosed herewith and available on the Court's website.
4. Counsel shall meet and confer prior to the Case Management Conference and file a Joint Case Management Conference Statement no later than seven days prior to the c.m.c. The statement shall address the information contained in the Joint Case Management Statement and [proposed] Case Management Order form, enclosed herewith and available on the Court's website.
5. At least seven days prior to the c.m.c., each party shall file the magistrate jurisdiction consent/declination form, enclosed herewith and available on the Court's website. In the event that any defendant(s) files a motion to dismiss, defendant(s) shall file the consent/request form at the time the motion is filed and plaintiff(s) shall file the consent/declination form fourteen days thereafter, at the time the opposition is due.
6. In all "E-Filing" cases, in addition to filing papers electronically, the parties shall lodge with chambers a printed copy of the papers by noon of the next court day following the day the papers are filed electronically. These printed copies shall be marked "Chambers Copy" and shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office in an envelope clearly marked "Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James" and include the case number. Parties shall not file a paper copy of any document with the Clerk's Office that has already been filed electronically.

Dated: May 31, 2006



Maria-Elena James
United States Magistrate Judge

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**STANDING ORDER RE: DISCOVERY AND DISPUTE PROCEDURES FOR
CASES ASSIGNED OR REFERRED TO MAG. JUDGE MARIA-ELENA JAMES**

This standing order informs a *pro se* party and/or counsel of the specific procedures for all cases, except those categories of cases listed in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure ("FRCP") 26(a)(1)(E), assigned to Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James for trial or referred for purposes of discovery. All parties and counsel are required to follow these procedures.

1. Parties shall propound disclosures and discovery in accordance with FRCP 26 and 30-36, and Civil Local Rules 26, 30, 33, 34 and 36. A copy of the Civil Local Rules for the Northern District of California is available at the Clerk's Office or for public viewing at the Court's internet site - <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>. All requests for protective orders must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Pursuant to FRCP 30(a)(2), no more than ten depositions may be taken except by order of the Court. Pursuant to FRCP 33(a) and Civil Local Rule 33-3, no more than 25 interrogatories shall be propounded except pursuant to stipulation or order of the Court.
 2. The parties shall meet and confer regarding their initial disclosures pursuant to FRCP 26(f) and shall make disclosures pursuant to FRCP 26(a)(1)(E). The parties shall supplement their initial disclosures when required under FRCP 26(e)(1).
 3. The Court will not consider a formal motion to compel under Civil Local Rule 7. Instead, counsel must meet and confer **in person** for the purpose of resolving all disclosure and/or discovery disputes. Thereafter, if any disputes remain, counsel shall draft and file a jointly signed letter which (1) attests that prior to filing the joint letter the parties met and conferred **in person** for purposes of resolving the dispute; (2) sets forth the unresolved dispute and any pertinent factual background; and (3) states each party's position as supported by appropriate legal authority. The joint letter shall be signed by both parties, shall be limited to

1 five pages and may not be accompanied by exhibits or affidavits other than exact copies of
2 disputed interrogatories, requests for production of documents and/or responses, privilege logs,
3 and relevant deposition testimony. The parties need not state all disputes in one letter; rather, it
4 is preferable that the parties file a separate letter for each dispute.

5 4. In the event that counsel is unable to meet and confer with a party or opposing counsel
6 as directed above, counsel shall file a written request for a telephonic conference for the
7 purpose of enforcing the Court's requirement to meet and confer, or for the Court to fashion an
8 alternative procedure which satisfies the meet and confer requirement. Counsel's written
9 request shall state (1) three agreed upon prospective times and dates for the telephonic
10 discovery conference to take place, (2) the anticipated length of the conference, and (3) the
11 phone numbers at which counsel shall be contacted on the day of the conference. A copy of the
12 written request shall be served on opposing counsel and verification of said service shall be
13 filed with the request. Additionally, counsel shall file a declaration which states any attempt to
14 meet and confer and the reasons for the inability to comply with this standing order. Counsel
15 may attach exhibits to support the declaration, but the declaration and exhibits combined may
16 not exceed seven pages. The Court will not excuse a party from the requisite in-person meeting
17 unless good cause is shown.

18 5. In the event that the parties are participating in a deposition or a site inspection and a
19 discovery dispute arises regarding the deposition and/or site inspection, the parties may contact
20 Judge James' Courtroom Deputy, Brenda Tolbert, at 415-522-4708, to inquire whether Judge
21 James is available to resolve the parties' impending dispute telephonically. In the event that
22 Judge James is unavailable or the parties are unable to contact Judge James' courtroom deputy
23 for any reason, the parties shall proceed follow the procedures for requesting a telephonic
24 conference as set forth in paragraph 4 above. The deposition or site inspection shall
25 nevertheless proceed with objections noted for the record.

26 6. In the event that a matter is to be taken off calendar, or continued to a further date, a
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1 written stipulation signed by the parties shall be filed with the Court for approval.

2 7. Other than scheduling matters, pursuant to Civil L. R. 11-4(c), a party shall not contact
3 the Court *ex parte* without prior notice to the opposing party. Further, all communications or
4 questions to the Court shall be presented to the Court in writing and shall be properly filed.
5 Parties must certify to the Court that all parties were served a copy of the written
6 communication. Unless expressly requested by the Court, documents should not be faxed to
7 chambers but should be filed or lodged in accordance with the Local Rules of Court.

8 8. Parties shall not mail or fax to the Court copies of correspondence from a party
9 regarding any dispute pending before the Court.

10 9. Motions for sanctions shall be filed separately, pursuant to FRCP 37, and Civil Local
11 Rules 7 and 37-3. Any party seeking an award of attorney's fees or other expenses in
12 connection with a motion shall file a declaration with the opposition or reply memorandum
13 which itemizes with particularity the fees and expenses claimed.

14 10. In all "E-Filing" cases, in addition to filing papers electronically, the parties shall lodge
15 with chambers a printed copy of the papers by noon of the next court day after filing. These
16 printed copies shall be marked "Chambers Copy" and shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office
17 in an envelope clearly marked "Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James" and include the case
18 number. Parties shall not file a paper copy of any document with the Clerk's Office that has
19 already been filed electronically.

20 The failure of a party to abide by Judge James' Discovery and Disclosure Dispute
21 Procedures may result in sanctions, pursuant to FRCP 16(f) and Civil Local Rule 37-3.

22 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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24 Dated: May 31, 2006

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26 MARIA-ELENA JAMES
27 United States Magistrate Judge

**NOTICE OF TRIAL ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE AND
ORDER TO FILE CONSENT/REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT FORM**

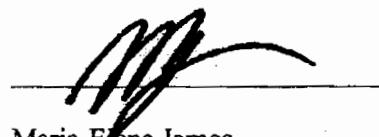
This civil case was randomly assigned to United States Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James for all purposes including trial. In accordance with Title 28, U.S.C. § 636(c), the Magistrate Judges of this District Court are designated to conduct any and all proceedings in a civil case, including a jury or non-jury trial, and to order the entry of final judgment, upon the consent of the parties. An appeal from a judgment entered by Magistrate Judge James may be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of a district court.

You have the right to have your case assigned to a United States District Judge for trial and disposition. Attached is the form which allows you to either consent to, or decline Judge James' jurisdiction and request reassignment to a District Judge.

Each party shall sign and file the consent/declination form, either consenting to Judge James' jurisdiction, or requesting reassignment to a District Judge, no later than the filing deadline for the joint case management statement assigned by the initial case management schedule.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: May 31, 2006



Maria-Elena James
United States Magistrate Judge

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3 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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5 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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8 Plaintiff(s), CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OR
9 vs. REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT
10 Defendant(s).
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12 **CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**
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14 In accordance with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 636(c), the undersigned party hereby
15 consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further proceedings in this
16 case, including trial, and order the entry of final judgment, and voluntarily waives the right to
17 proceed before a United States District Judge.

18 Dated: _____

Signed by: _____

19 Counsel for: _____
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21 **REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**
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23 The undersigned party hereby declines to consent to the assignment of this case to a United
24 States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby requests the reassignment of this case to
25 a United States District Judge.

26 Dated: _____

Signed by: _____

27 Counsel for: _____
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STANDING ORDER FOR ALL JUDGES OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CONTENTS OF JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

Commencing March 1, 2007, all judges of the Northern District of California will require the identical information in Joint Case Management Statements filed pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-9. The parties must include the following information in their statement which, except in unusually complex cases, should not exceed ten pages:

1. **Jurisdiction and Service:** The basis for the court's subject matter jurisdiction over plaintiff's claims and defendant's counterclaims, whether any issues exist regarding personal jurisdiction or venue, whether any parties remain to be served, and, if any parties remain to be served, a proposed deadline for service.
2. **Facts:** A brief chronology of the facts and a statement of the principal factual issues in dispute.
3. **Legal Issues:** A brief statement, without extended legal argument, of the disputed points of law, including reference to specific statutes and decisions.
4. **Motions:** All prior and pending motions, their current status, and any anticipated motions.
5. **Amendment of Pleadings:** The extent to which parties, claims, or defenses are expected to be added or dismissed and a proposed deadline for amending the pleadings.
6. **Evidence Preservation:** Steps taken to preserve evidence relevant to the issues reasonably evident in this action, including interdiction of any document-destruction program and any ongoing erasures of e-mails, voice mails, and other electronically-recorded material.
7. **Disclosures:** Whether there has been full and timely compliance with the initial disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 and a description of the disclosures made.
8. **Discovery:** Discovery taken to date, if any, the scope of anticipated discovery, any proposed limitations or modifications of the discovery rules, and a proposed discovery plan pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f).
9. **Class Actions:** If a class action, a proposal for how and when the class will be certified.
10. **Related Cases:** Any related cases or proceedings pending before another judge of this court, or before another court or administrative body.
11. **Relief:** All relief sought through complaint or counterclaim, including the amount of any

damages sought and a description of the bases on which damages are calculated. In addition, any party from whom damages are sought must describe the bases on which it contends damages should be calculated if liability is established.

12. Settlement and ADR: Prospects for settlement, ADR efforts to date, and a specific ADR plan for the case, including compliance with ADR L.R. 3-5 and a description of key discovery or motions necessary to position the parties to negotiate a resolution.
13. Consent to Magistrate Judge For All Purposes: Whether all parties will consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings including trial and entry of judgment.
14. Other References: Whether the case is suitable for reference to binding arbitration, a special master, or the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.
15. Narrowing of Issues: Issues that can be narrowed by agreement or by motion, suggestions to expedite the presentation of evidence at trial (e.g., through summaries or stipulated facts), and any request to bifurcate issues, claims, or defenses.
16. Expedited Schedule: Whether this is the type of case that can be handled on an expedited basis with streamlined procedures.
17. Scheduling: Proposed dates for designation of experts, discovery cutoff, hearing of dispositive motions, pretrial conference and trial.
18. Trial: Whether the case will be tried to a jury or to the court and the expected length of the trial.
19. Disclosure of Non-party Interested Entities or Persons: Whether each party has filed the "Certification of Interested Entities or Persons" required by Civil Local Rule 3-16. In addition, each party must restate in the case management statement the contents of its certification by identifying any persons, firms, partnerships, corporations (including parent corporations) or other entities known by the party to have either: (i) a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy or in a party to the proceeding; or (ii) any other kind of interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding.
20. Such other matters as may facilitate the just, speedy and inexpensive disposition of this matter.

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U.S. District Court Northern California**ECF Registration Information Handout**

The case you are participating in has been designated for this court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) Program, pursuant to Civil Local Rule 5-4 and General Order 45. This means that you must (check off the boxes when done):

- 1)** Serve this ECF Registration Information Handout on all parties in the case along with the complaint, or for removals, the removal notice. DO NOT serve the efiler application form, just this handout.

Each attorney representing a party must also:

- 2)** Register to become an efiler by filling out the efiler application form. Follow ALL the instructions on the form carefully. If you are already registered in this district, do not register again, your registration is valid for life on all ECF cases in this district.
- 3)** Email (do not file) the complaint and, for removals, the removal notice and all attachments, in PDF format within ten business days, following the instructions below. You do not need to wait for your registration to be completed to email the court.
- 4)** Access dockets and documents using PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records). If your firm already has a PACER account, please use that - it is not necessary to have an individual account. PACER registration is free. If you need to establish or check on an account, visit: <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> or call (800) 676-6856.

BY SIGNING AND SUBMITTING TO THE COURT A REQUEST FOR AN ECF USER ID AND PASSWORD, YOU CONSENT TO ENTRY OF YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS INTO THE COURT'S ELECTRONIC SERVICE REGISTRY FOR ELECTRONIC SERVICE ON YOU OF ALL E-FILED PAPERS, PURSUANT TO RULES 77 and 5(b)(2)(D) (eff. 12.1.01) OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

All subsequent papers submitted by attorneys in this case shall be filed electronically. Unrepresented litigants must file and serve in paper form, unless prior leave to file electronically is obtained from the assigned judge.

ECF registration forms, interactive tutorials and complete instructions for efilng may be found on the ECF website: <http://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov>

Submitting Initiating Documents

PDF versions of all the initiating documents originally submitted to the court (Complaint or Notice of Removal, exhibits, etc.) must be **emailed (not efiled)** to the **PDF email box for the presiding judge** (not the referring judge, if there is one) **within 10 (ten) business days** of the opening of your case. For a complete list of the email addresses, please go to:
<http://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov> and click on [Judges].

You must include the case number and judge's initials in the subject line of all relevant emails to the court. You do not need to wait for your registration to email these documents.

These documents must be emailed instead of e-filed to prevent duplicate entries in the ECF system. All other documents must be e-filed from then on. You do not need to efile or email the Civil Cover Sheet, Summons, or any documents issued by the court at case opening; note that you do need to efile the Summons Returned.

Converting Documents to PDF

Conversion of a word processing document to a PDF file is required before any documents may be submitted to the Court's electronic filing system. Instructions for creating PDF files can be found at the ECF web site:
<http://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov>, and click on [FAQ].

Email Guidelines: When sending an email to the court, the subject line of the email **must** contain the **case number, judge's initials and the type of document(s)** you are sending, and/or the topic of the email.

Examples: The examples below assume your case number is 03-09999 before the Honorable Charles R. Breyer:

Type of Document	Email Subject Line Text
Complaint Only	03-09999 CRB Complaint
Complaint and Notice of Related Case	03-09999 CRB Complaint, Related Case
Complaint and Motion for Temporary Restraining Order	03-09999 CRB Complaint, TRO

Questions

Almost all questions can be answered in our **FAQs** at
<http://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov>, please check them first.

You may also email the ECF Help Desk at ECFhelpdesk@cand.uscourts.gov or
call the toll-free ECF Help Desk number at: (866) 638-7829.

The ECF Help Desk is staffed Mondays through Fridays from
9:00am to 4:00pm Pacific time, excluding court holidays.

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In Addition to the Local Rules, the Following Guidelines Have Been Provided to Ensure That the Filing Process Is Accomplished with Ease and Accuracy. For Additional Information or Assistance, Please Call the above Number During Office Hours.

1. Documents are to be filed in the Clerk's Office at the location of the chambers of the judge to whom the action has been assigned. We do not accept filings for cases assigned to judges or magistrate judges in the Oakland or San Jose division, per Civil L.R. 3-2(b).
2. This office will retain the original plus one copy of most documents submitted. We will conform as many copies as you bring for your use. Related cases require an extra copy for each related action designated.
3. The copy retained goes directly to the assigned Judge. Courtesy copies, or instructions for couriers to deliver a copy directly to chambers are inappropriate, unless you have been instructed to do so by court order.
4. In order to facilitate the file stamping process, each original document should be submitted on top of its copies. In other words, group like documents together--as opposed to a set of originals and separate sets of copies.
5. The case number must indicate whether it is a civil or criminal matter by the inclusion of C or CR at the beginning of the number. Miscellaneous and foreign judgment matters should also be indicated with initials MISC or FJ at the end of the case number.
6. The case number must include the initials of the judge and/or magistrate judge followed by the letters designating the case Arbitration (ARB), Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) or Mediation (MED)--if assigned to one of those programs.
7. The document caption should include the appropriate judge or magistrate judge involved in a particular matter or before whom an appearance is being made. This is especially important when submitting Settlement Conference Statements.
8. Documents are to be stapled or acco-fastened at the top. Backings, bindings and covers are not required. Two holes punched at the top of the original document will facilitate processing.
9. Appropriately sized, stamped, self-addressed return envelopes are to be included with proposed orders or when filing documents by mail.

10. Proofs of service should be attached to the back of documents. If submitted separately, you must attach a pleading page to the front of the document showing case number and case caption.
11. There are no filing fees once a case has been opened.
12. New cases must be accompanied by a completed and signed Civil Cover Sheet, the filing fee or fee waiver request form and an original plus **two** copies of the complaint and any other documents. For Intellectual Property cases, please provide an original plus **three** copies of the complaint. Please present new cases for filing before 3:30 p.m., as they take a considerable amount of time to process.
13. Copies of forms may be obtained at no charge. They may be picked up in person from the Clerk's Office forms cabinet or with a written request accompanied by an appropriate sized, stamped, self-addressed envelope for return. In addition, copies of the Local Rules may be obtained, free of charge, in the Clerk's Office or by sending a written request, along with a self-addressed, 10" x 14" return envelope, stamped with \$ 3.95 postage to: Clerk, U.S. District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 16th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102.
14. Two computer terminals which allow public access to case dockets and one terminal with information regarding files at the Federal Records Center (FRC) are located in the reception area of the Clerk's Office. Written instructions are posted by the terminals. Outside of the Clerk's Office, electronic access to dockets is available through PACER. To obtain information or to register call 1-800-676-6851.
15. A file viewing room is located adjacent to the reception area. Files may be viewed in this area after signing the log sheet and presenting identification. Files are to be returned by 1:00 pm. Under no circumstances are files to be removed from the viewing room.
16. The Clerk's Office can only accept payment by exact change or check made payable to Clerk, U.S. District Court. No change can be made for fees or the public copy machine.
17. Two pay copy machines are located in the file viewing room for public use, at fifteen cents (\$.15) per page. Copy cards may be purchases at the snack bar on the first floor. Orders for copywork may be placed through Eddie's Document Retrieval by phoning 415-317-5556. Arrangements may be made to bring in a personal copier by calling the Clerk's Office in advance.
18. We have a drop box for filing when the Clerk's Office is closed. Please see attached for availability and instructions.

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Article III Judges	Judges Initials	Magistrate Judges	Judges Initials
Alsup, William H.	WHA	Chen, Edward M.	EMC
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Chesney, Maxine M.	MMC	Laporte, Elizabeth D.	EDL
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Hamilton, Phyllis J.	PJH	Spero, Joseph C.	JCS
Henderson, Thelton E.	TEH	Zimmerman, Bernard	BZ
Illston, Susan	SI		
Jenkins, Martin J.	MJJ		
Patel, Marilyn Hall	MHP		
Schwarzer, William W	WWS		
Walker, Vaughn R	VRW		
White, Jeffrey S.	JSW		

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Fogel, Jeremy	JF	Lloyd, Howard R.	HRL
Ware, James	JW	Seeborg, Richard	RS
Whyte, Ronald M.	RMW	Trumbull, Patricia V.	PVT

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Armstrong, Saundra B.	SBA	Brazil, Wayne D.	WDB
Jensen, D. Lowell	DLJ		
Wilken, Claudia	CW		

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

DROP BOX FILING PROCEDURES

1. The drop box, located outside the Clerk's Office (see above chart), is available for the filing of documents before 9:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. weekdays. Please note that access to the federal building is limited to 'normal business hours' (as noted in the chart above).
2. The drop box may not be used for the filing of any briefs in support of, or in opposition to, any matter scheduled for a hearing within 7 calendar days. All such documents must be filed in the Clerk's Office during regular office hours by the date due.
3. Using the electronic file stamping machine located next to the drop box, stamp each original document "Received" on the **back side of the last page**. Clerk's Office employees empty the box once each court day when the Clerk's Office opens to the public. The "Filed" date, which will be placed on original documents by Intake personnel, will be the same as the "Received" date, unless the "Received" date is a weekend or Court holiday. In those instances, the "Filed" date will be the first court day following the weekend or holiday. Documents placed in the drop box without a "Received" stamp will be filed as of the day the box is next emptied.
4. After stamping each original and enclosing one copy for the court,* the documents must be placed in an orange court mailing pouch or red Expando folder provided for your convenience. *To facilitate processing of your documents, each original document should be submitted on top of its copies.* Prior to placing the pouch or folder in the drop box, please insert in the pouch or folder window a fully completed **Drop Box Filing Information Card**. You may use more than one pouch or folder per filing, *but a separate Information Card must be enclosed for each one.*
(*Please note that the Clerk's Office will retain two copies of all new complaints relating to patents, trademarks and copyrights.)
5. If you wish us to mail you one or more conformed copies that you have provided, you must enclose an appropriately sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope with adequate return postage. Alternatively, if you would like to pick up conformed copies, please mark your return envelope "**FOR MESSENGER PICK UP BY: (NAME, FIRM).**" Your copies will be available for pick-up **after 2:00 p.m.** on the day the drop box is emptied.
6. A filing fee, if required, may be paid by check or money order, payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court" in an exact amount. *Please do not enclose cash.*
7. Documents deposited in the drop box must be in compliance with all local and federal rules, as appropriate. Documents filed "Under Seal" must be submitted in compliance with Civil L.R. 79-5.

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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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8 NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT OF CASE
9 TO A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR TRIAL

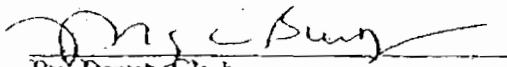
10 Pursuant to General Order 44, the Assignment Plan of the United States District Court
11 for the Northern District of California, this case has been randomly assigned to Magistrate Judge
12 **MARIA-ELENA JAMES**

13 Pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), with written consent of all parties, a magistrate
14 judge may conduct all proceedings in the case. Attached is a form to complete if you consent to
15 proceed before the assigned magistrate judge and a form to complete if you decline to proceed
16 before the assigned magistrate judge. Electronic versions of both forms are also available at the
17 Court's Internet site: <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>. Click on Forms-Civil. A party is free to
18 withhold consent without adverse consequences. If a party declines to consent, the case will be
randomly reassigned to a district judge and a case management conference will be scheduled on
the district judge's calendar as close as possible to the date presently scheduled before the
magistrate judge.

19 You must file your consent or declination by the deadline for filing the initial case
management statement.

20 The plaintiff or removing party shall serve a copy of this notice and all attachments upon
21 all other parties to this action pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 4 and 5.
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24 FOR THE COURT
25 RICHARD W. WIEKING, CLERK
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

No. C

Plaintiff(s),

**CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Defendant(s).

CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. Section 636(c), the undersigned party
hereby voluntarily consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further
proceedings in the case, including trial, and order the entry of a final judgment. Appeal from the
judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Dated _____

Signature _____

Counsel for _____
(Plaintiff, Defendant or indicate "pro se")

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

No. C

Plaintiff(s),

**DECLINATION TO PROCEED BEFORE
A MAGISTRATE JUDGE
AND
REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Defendant(s).

REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The undersigned party hereby declines to consent to the assignment of this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby requests the reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

Dated:

Signature

Counsel for
(Plaintiff, Defendant, or indicate "pro se")



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